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FURTHER NOTICE**

## Note from the Library Director

A warm hello to our library community!

What a different world we are living in since the last newsletter went out to you. On behalf of the library staff, we all want to say how much we miss you and hope your families and friends are staying home and staying safe.

I'm grateful to report that our library employees are all well and safely working from home. If you aren't already following us on social media, now is a great time to start! We've been sharing tips for keeping your little ones engaged, and resources you can use now that you've probably finished all the materials you checked out before we closed!

We are still answering emails and phone calls as we are able, in case you need to renew your library card or have questions about using OverDrive or the Libby app. Feel free to email us at [library@beecavetexas.gov](mailto:library@beecavetexas.gov) or leave a message at 512.767.6620, and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.

In the meantime, stay safe and feel to reach out to us for anything we can help you with!

~ Barbara Hathaway



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## The City of Bee Cave Responds to COVID-19

In response to the ongoing crisis, the City of Bee Cave has added a [COVID-19 page](#) to the city website that includes information from a wide variety of official sources. There is also a new City [Facebook page](#) and a [Twitter account](#), where you can find the latest information about what is happening in our local area.

The City Council and Bee Cave Economic Development Board are in the process of establishing a Small Business Assistance Center to gather information and resources to help local businesses weather the current crisis. Library staff are helping with this important task—stay tuned for more information soon!

## Bee Cave Book Club

### Thursday, April 9

The Bee Cave Book Club is an informal and diverse group that usually meets every 2nd Thursday to discuss the group-selected fiction or nonfiction [titles](#). The April selection is ***The Bluest Eye*** by Toni Morrison.



Instead of our usual lively in-person book club, join us on [Facebook](#) on April 9th if you'd like to share your thoughts about this month's selection, ***The Bluest Eye***. We'll put a post up that day where you can add your comments. We look forward to when we can all meet together again!

In May, we'll plan to discuss ***Lilac Girls*** by Martha Hall Kelly. Stay tuned for details about a possible virtual Book Club meeting!



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### By Phone

Get help using [OverDrive](#) to get free books, audiobooks, and magazines on your Kindle, Nook, iPad, tablet or smartphone. Make an appointment with our digital specialist, librarian Megan Fischer, for one-on-one personalized help by emailing [mfischer@beecavetexas.gov](mailto:mfischer@beecavetexas.gov) to set a time for a chat!

## Follow us on Social Media



For the latest updates from your friendly library staff, be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#). We post links to free resources, video clips of Ms. Melissa and the Bee Cave Bee, book suggestions, helpful tips on keeping your family entertained and safe, and so much more!

Since we're all going to be home for a while, we thought it was high time for a sequel to our December **Read Alone** project. We are happy to announce that **Read Alone 2: Lost in a Good**

**Book** will run through the entire month of April. (No foolin'!) There will be weekly challenges for you and your family to work on together. So grab a book (or check one out online!) and get ready to [#ReadAloneBeeCave!](#)

## Make a Song Cube like Storytime's

by Melissa Burke (aka Ms. Meliss)

One of the goals of Pop-Up Stories and Play Hour at BCPL is to share fun ideas for caregivers to continue with little ones at home. Storytime incorporates lots of songs to promote children's language learning since singing emphasizes the sounds of words. Plus, it is lots of fun and a great way to encourage movement! The song cube is a well-loved Storytime tradition and is simple to make at home.



Materials:

- box cube, such as a tissue box
- wrapping paper; foil; or other wrap
- labels with song names

For the songs, we suggest simple songs your child knows well. Include some that have set movements, such as *Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes*; *If You're Happy and You Know It*; and *I'm a Little Teapot*.

Just cover the cube; attach the song titles; and let your little one toss it. Then together sing, move, and have fun!

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## SUMMER READING IS COMING (one way or another!)

While we don't know when the library will be allowed to reopen or hold programs, we are still planning a fun and exciting summer for you readers out there. Well before any of us had even heard of COVID-19, your library staff had begun working with Beanstack to set up an online Summer Reading Program for Bee Cave. No more paper reading logs or review tickets—you'll be able to record your minutes online with an app. Teens and adults will still be able to record the books they read, and everyone will be eligible for prizes without all the paperwork!

So regardless of when things get back to "normal," Bee Cave Public Library will be here with reading challenges and fun just like we always have. Cheers, and happy reading!



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### Attention homeschoolers - old and new!

Ever wonder how to pronounce an author's name like Madeline L'Engle or Kwame Alexander? Or maybe wanted to know how an author got inspired to write the story they did like R.J. Palacio's "Wonder"?

Check out [TeachingBooks.net](https://teachingbooks.net)! Though it is a resource the library offers year round through our TexShare databases, they are currently offering free access to everyone through August 31st. There truly isn't a better or easier time to access their collection of thousands of books and curated content that helps you get the most out of your reading.

Browse through and learn something new!

<https://teachingbooks.net/ChildrenHomeAccess>

<https://teachingbooks.net/HomeAccess>



We miss providing you with reference help in person at the library. But we are so pleased to see how many companies are making their resources available for everyone to access from home!

Be sure to follow our Facebook page, where we'll post links to resources as we become aware of them. So stay tuned!



Today we would like to highlight [AbdoDigital.com](https://abdo.digital.com), who are offering their elementary and secondary resources for free from now until the end of June. Their digital bookshelves are packed with amazing titles - both fiction and nonfiction. Check it out!

Elementary Bookshelves (PreK-8th Grade): [abdo.digital.com/?tk=414F33301B8E136DEE3F0A93BF1795E1](https://abdo.digital.com/?tk=414F33301B8E136DEE3F0A93BF1795E1)

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Secondary Bookshelves (Grades 6-12): [abdo.digital.com/?tk=840BC558E6676AB1F4C9FA29D8EC6D69](https://abdo.digital.com/?tk=840BC558E6676AB1F4C9FA29D8EC6D69)

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### Support local business while eating well and keeping a social distance!

Check out [this list](#) of restaurants throughout Bee Cave, Lakeway, Spicewood, Steiner Ranch and beyond that are offering takeaway, delivery, and curbside services. Be sure to tip well, too!



Another option is to buy gift cards to your favorite restaurants and businesses now, and use them later (or not at all!)—another great way to #Support Local LT!

